How TO BECOME A DRAGON

- EPISODE 83 -

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON EXAM...

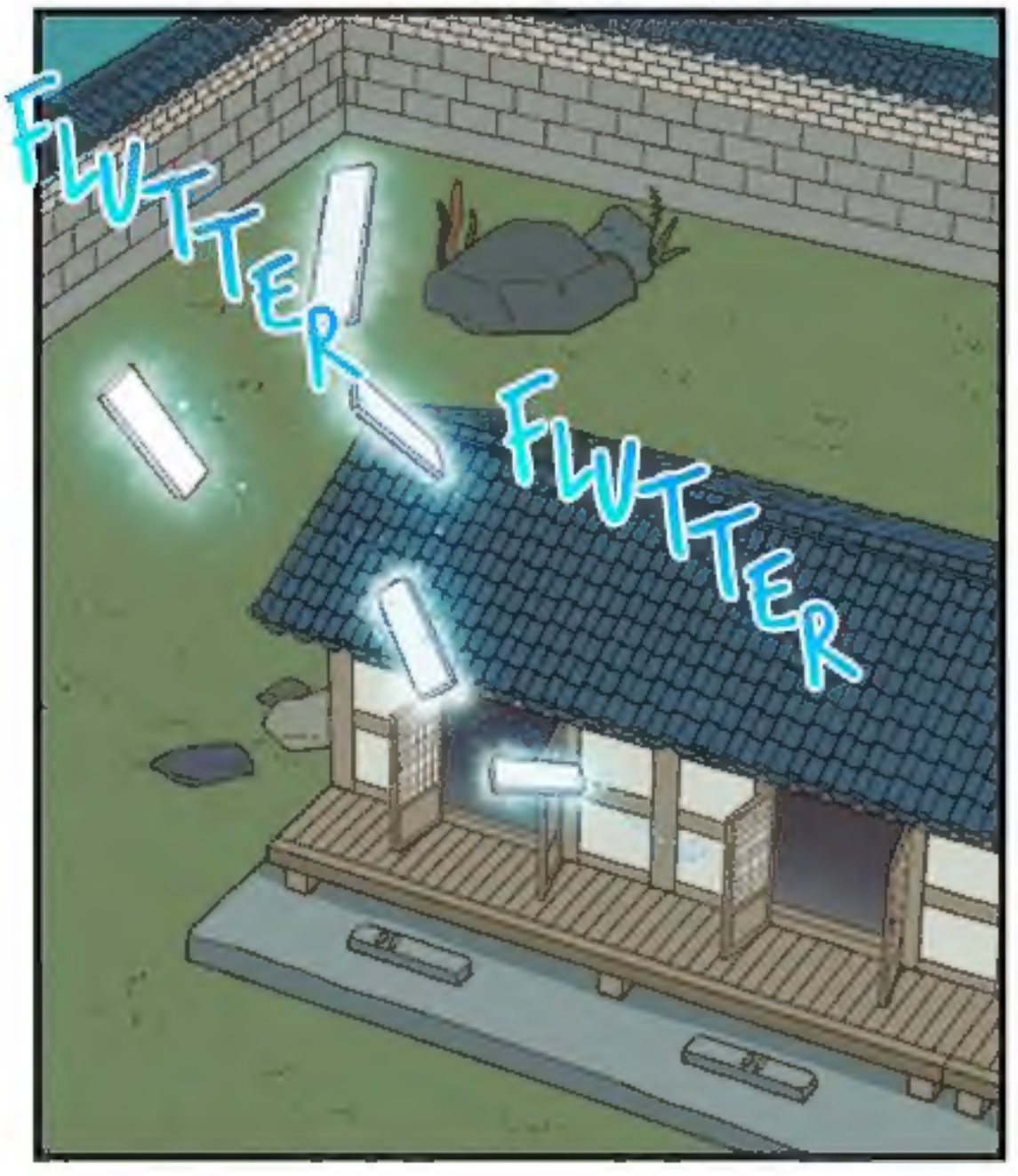
...SHALL COMMENCE AT ONCE.

THEY COULD HAVE GIVEN A LITTLE WARNING.

FLIP

MIRI

BUT NO,
AT THE STROKE OF
MIDNIGHT EVERYTHING
COMES CRASHING
DOWN?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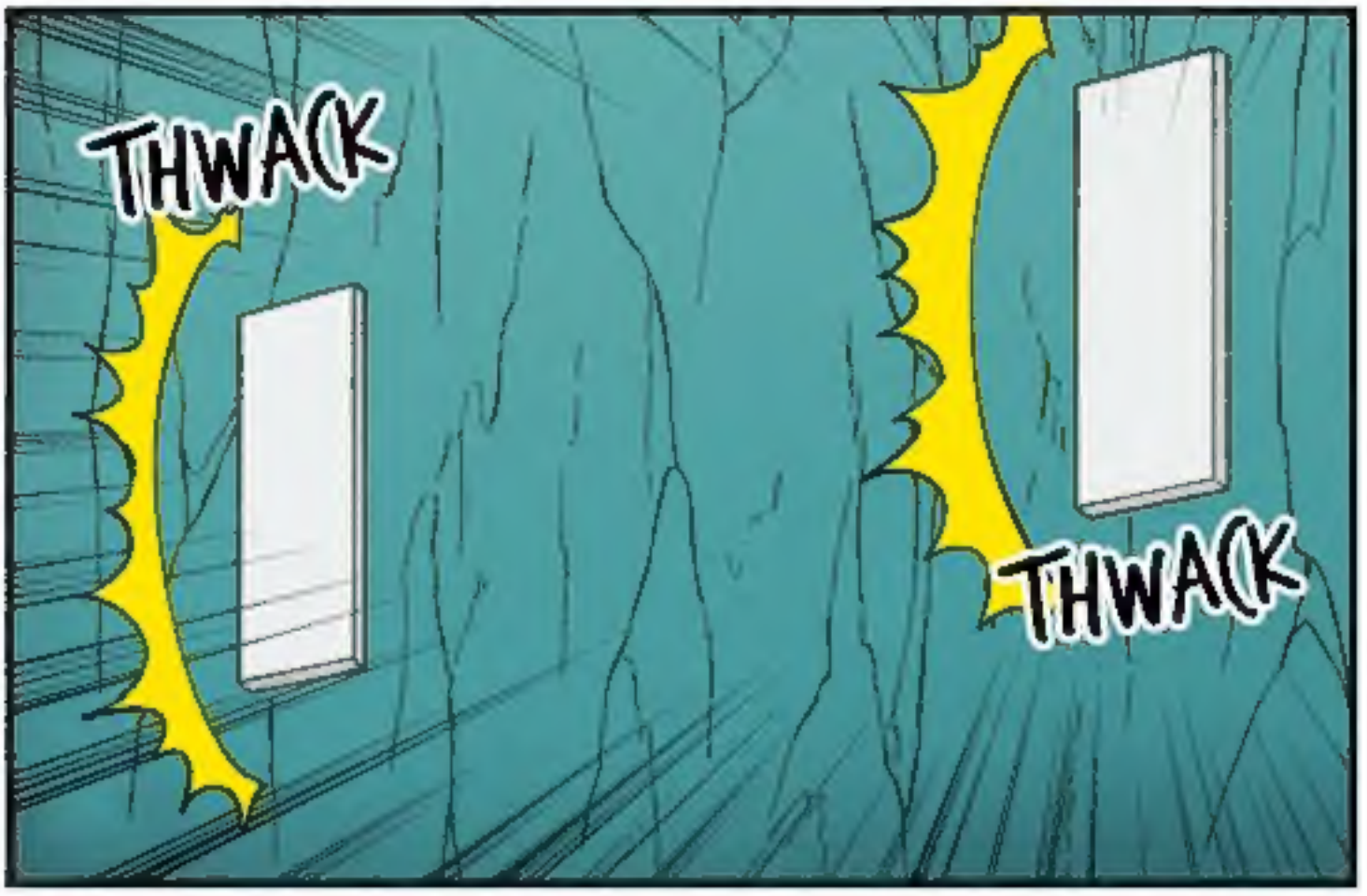
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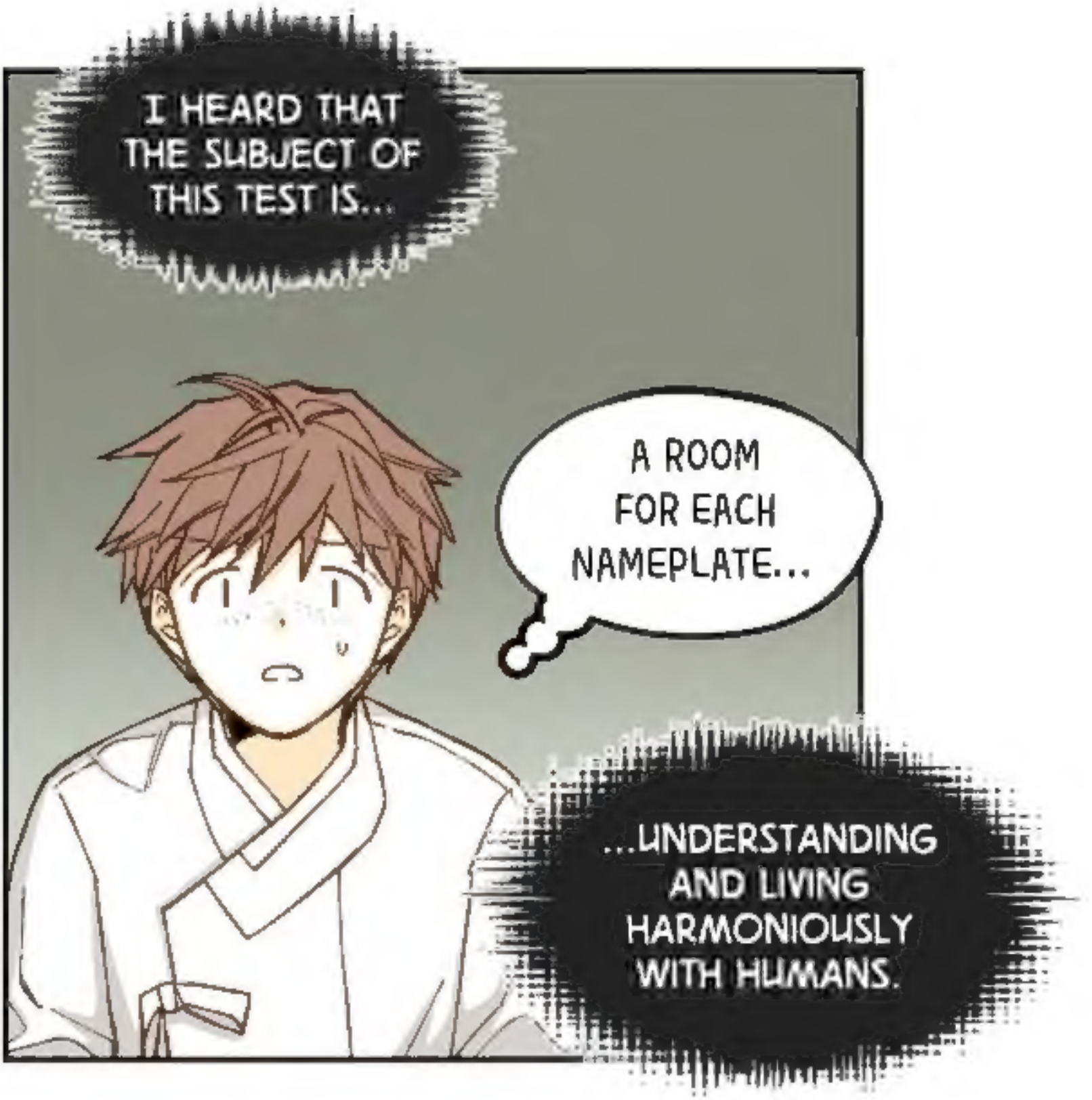
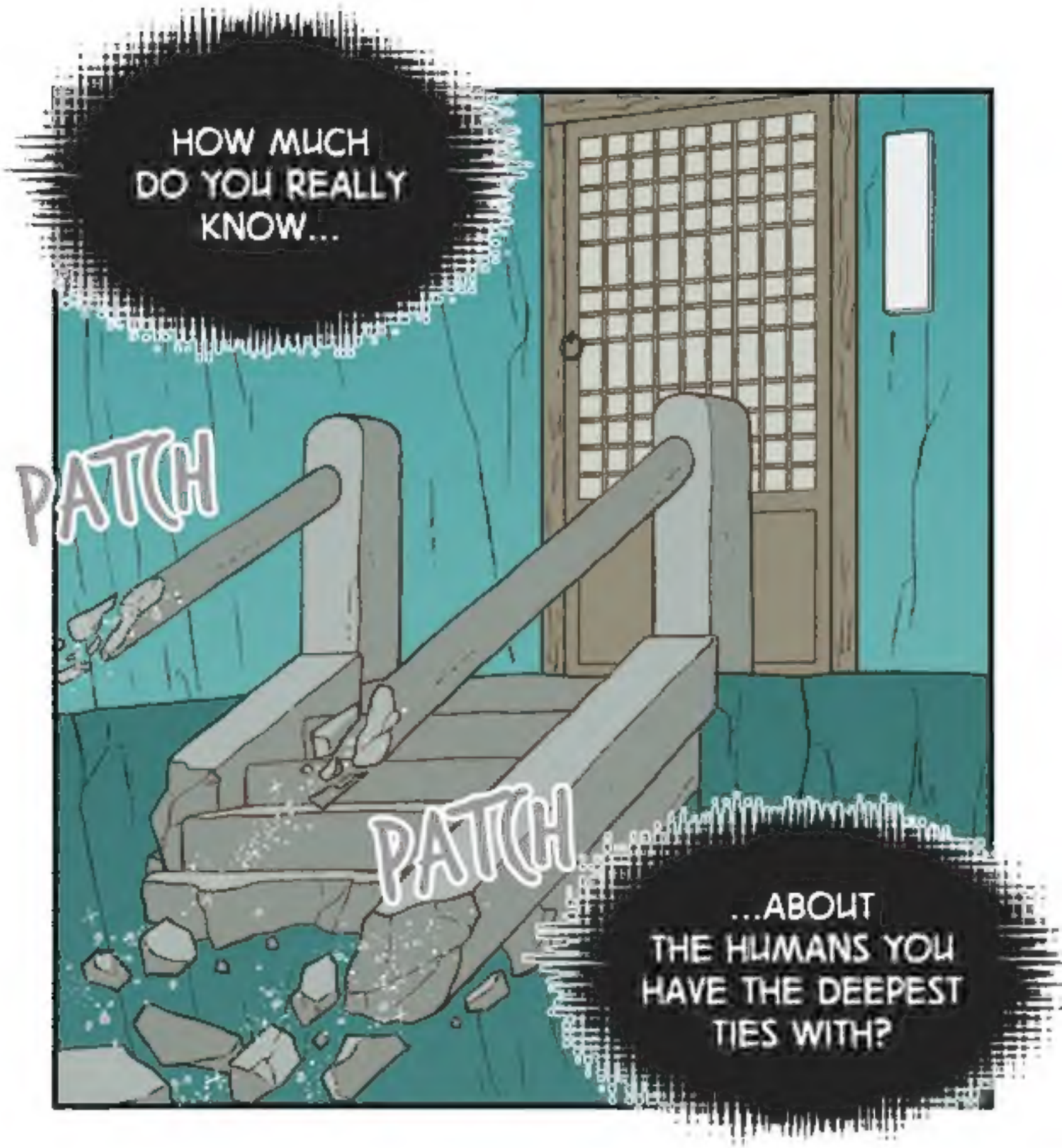

I HEARD THAT THE SUBJECT OF THIS TEST IS...
A ROOM FOR EACH NAMEPLATE...
...UNDERSTANDING AND LIVING HARMONIOUSLY WITH HUMANS.


HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW...
PATCH
PATCH
...ABOUT THE HUMANS YOU HAVE THE DEEPEST TIES WITH?

THE THING ALL IMOOGIS HOLD PRECIOUS WAS STOLEN FROM YOU BY A HUMAN.

CLACK

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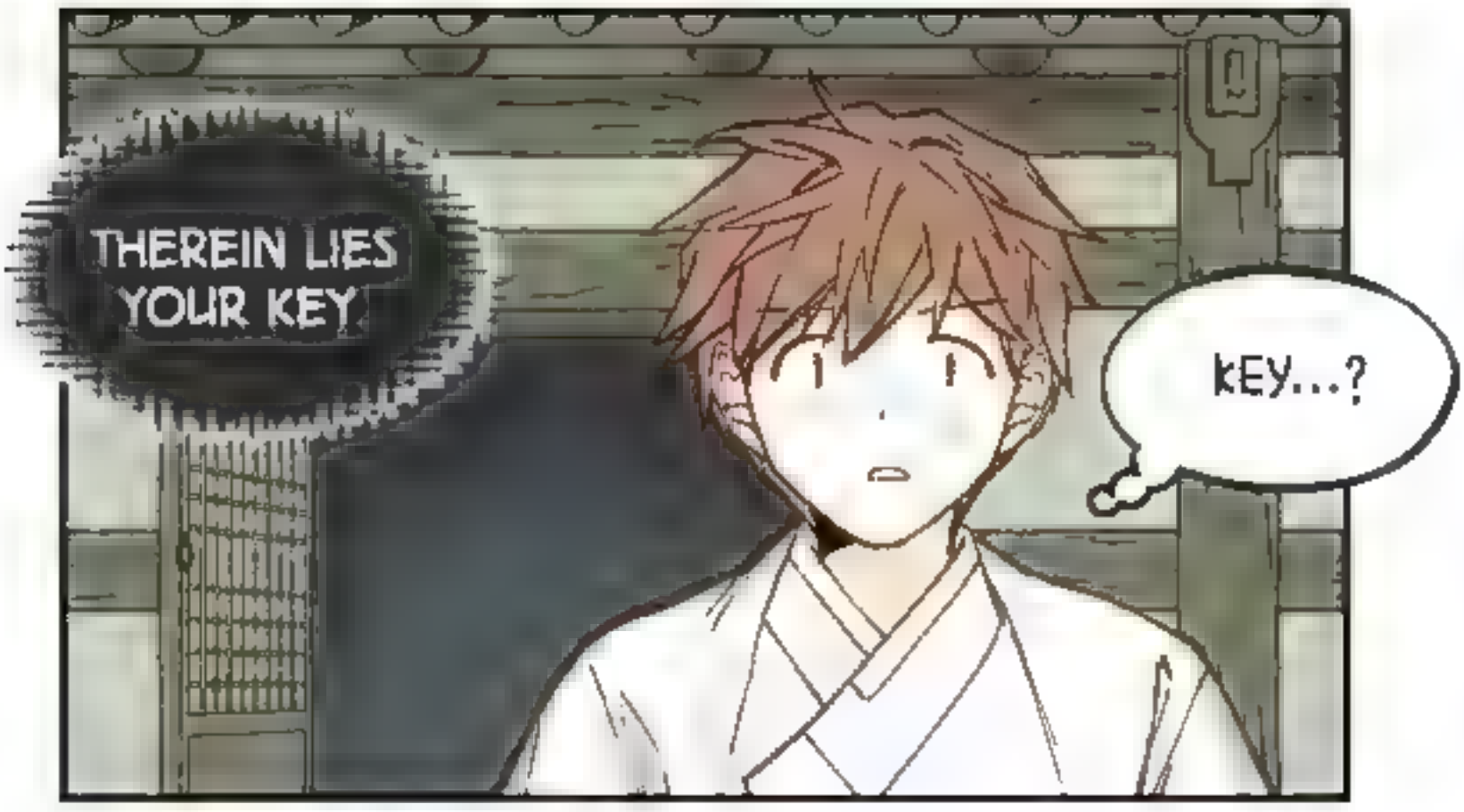
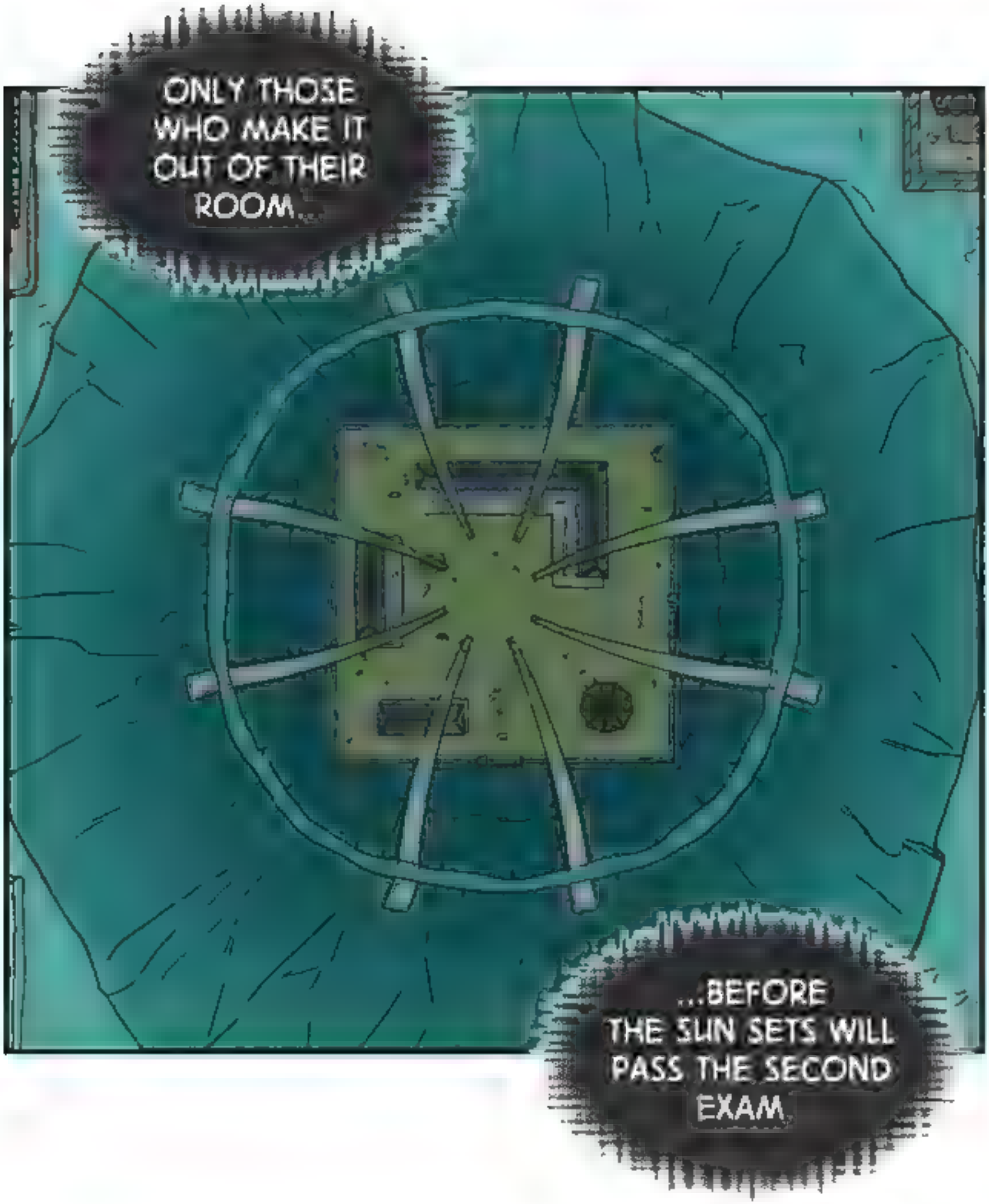
WHAT, THEN, IS THE THING THAT EACH HUMAN HELD MOST PRECIOUS?


THEREIN LIES YOUR KEY
KEY...?


ONLY THOSE WHO MAKE IT OUT OF THEIR ROOM...
...BEFORE THE SUN SETS WILL PASS THE SECOND EXAM.

IS THIS...
...AN ESCAPE ROOM?

ROOM?

NO WAY. IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY.

EEK

JUST TEACH THIS ONCE

ESCAPE ROOM

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE ACTUALLY GONE WHEN YULIA AND HK ASKED ME TO...

THEN...

ARE IMOOGIS WHO MAKE IT OUT OF THEIR

ROOMS PAST THE GIVEN TIME CONSIDERED ALTERNATES?

...CHEONRYONG TOLD ME TO PICK WINNERS, SHE MADE NO MENTION OF

LOSERS.

SINCE I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT SQUALID THINGS YOU CAME CAKED IN FROM THE WORLD ABOVE WATER.

...THE MOMENT THAT THE SUN SETS...

CHILLS

...THIS PIT WILL BE FILLED WITH EARTH ONCE MORE.

WHAT...?
THEY'RE GOING TO

BURY US ALIVE?

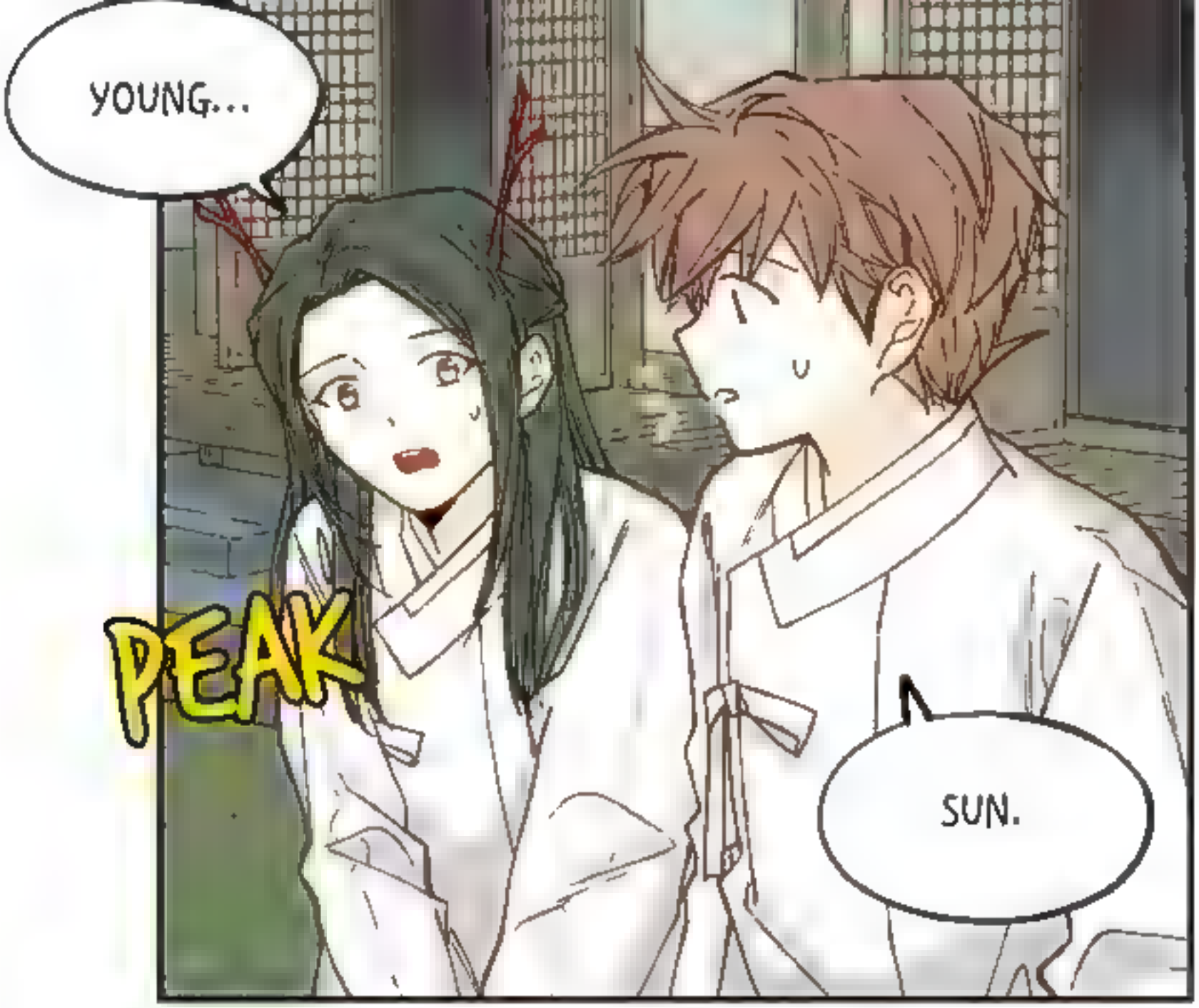
...

WHAT IS THIS A HORROR MOVIE?

BE CAREFUL.

THEY ARE NOT LIKE THE WESTERN SEA DRAGON KING.

...
GULP


YOUNG...
PEAK
SUN.

...IT'S ALRIGHT!

IT MIGHT NOT LOOK GREAT, BUT WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE!

WHISH

THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN BURY US ALIVE DOWN HERE!

I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT I'LL TRY MY BEST!

GOOD LUCK, YOUNG!

...THANKS!

ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH THIS TEST, LET'S MAKE THEM BUY US A BIG DINNER.

OH, RIGHT.
DON'T DIE EITHER,
YOU GUYS.
GOOD LUCK.
...
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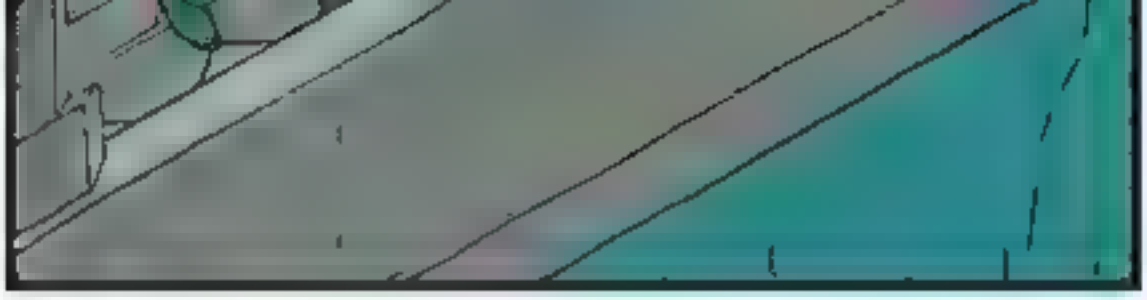
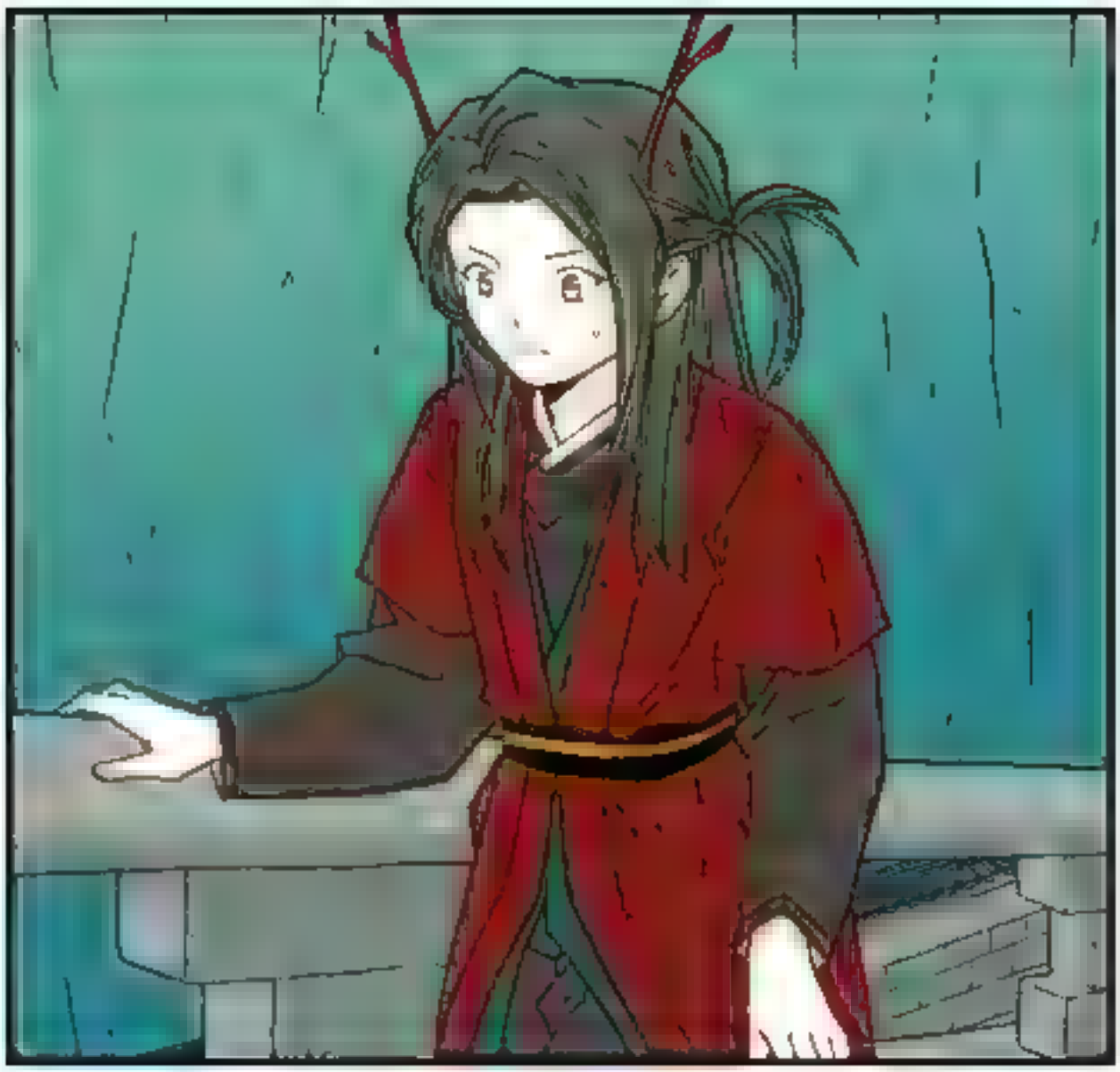
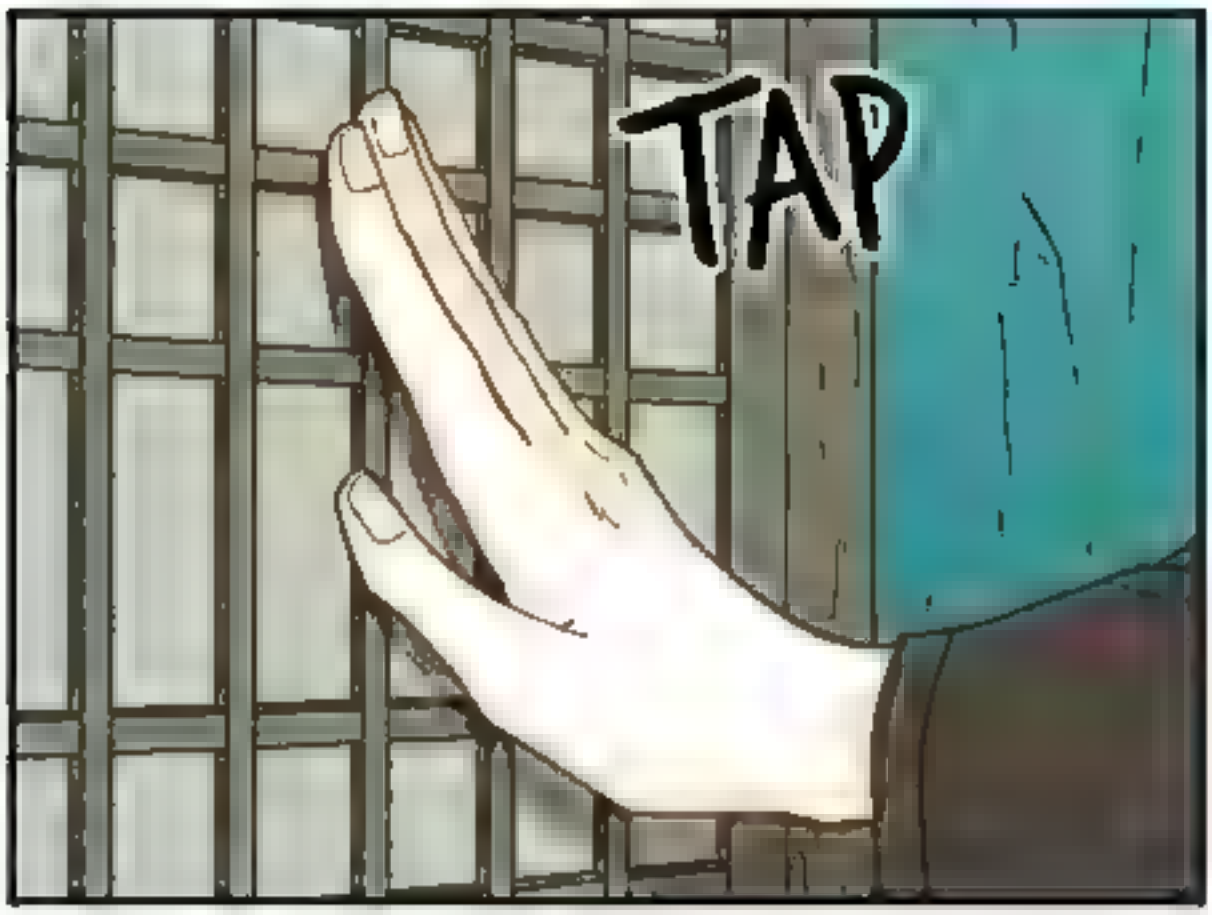




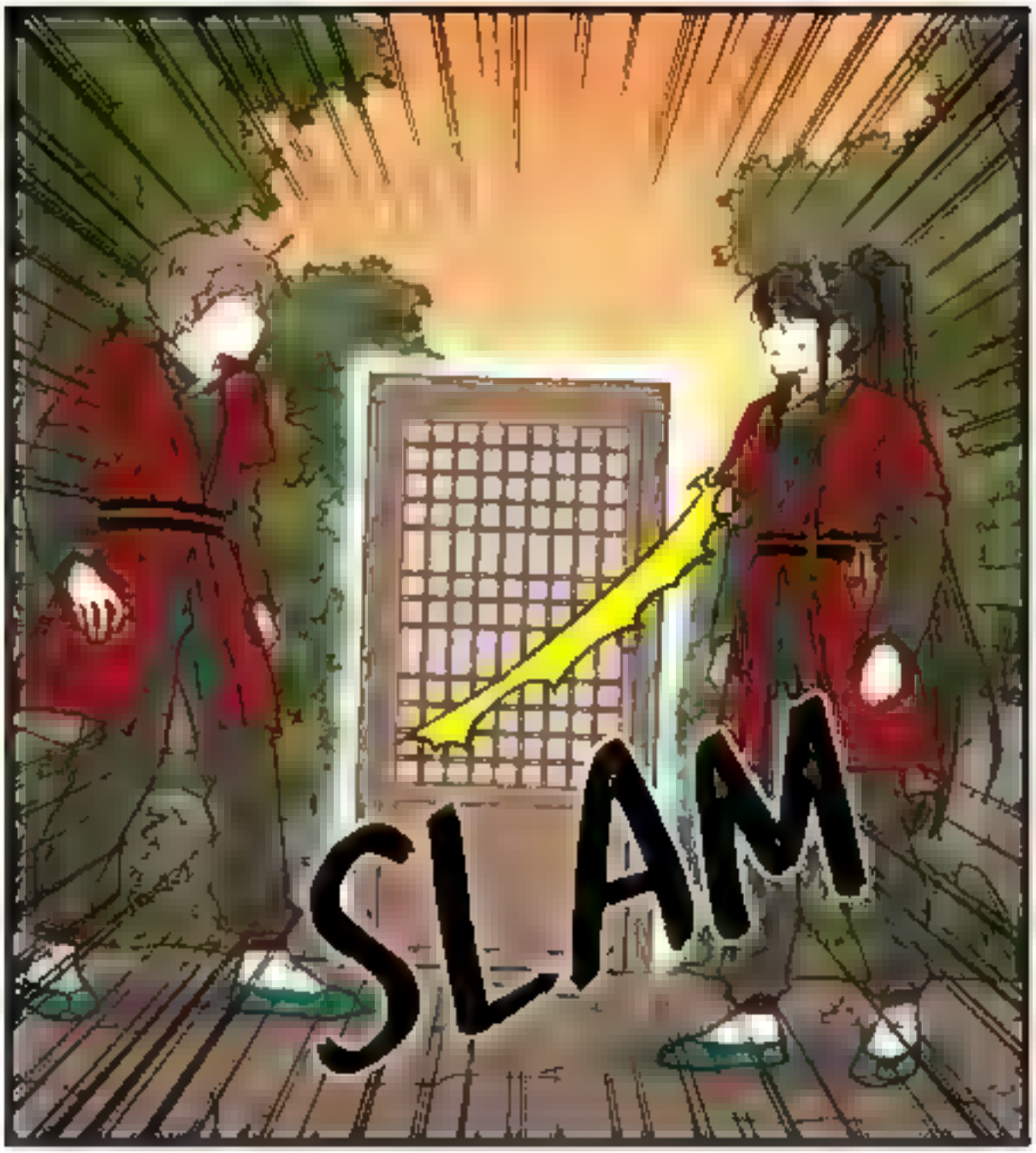
BARI
STEP

...SHOULD WE GO IN?
LET'S DO IT!
PHEW
NOD

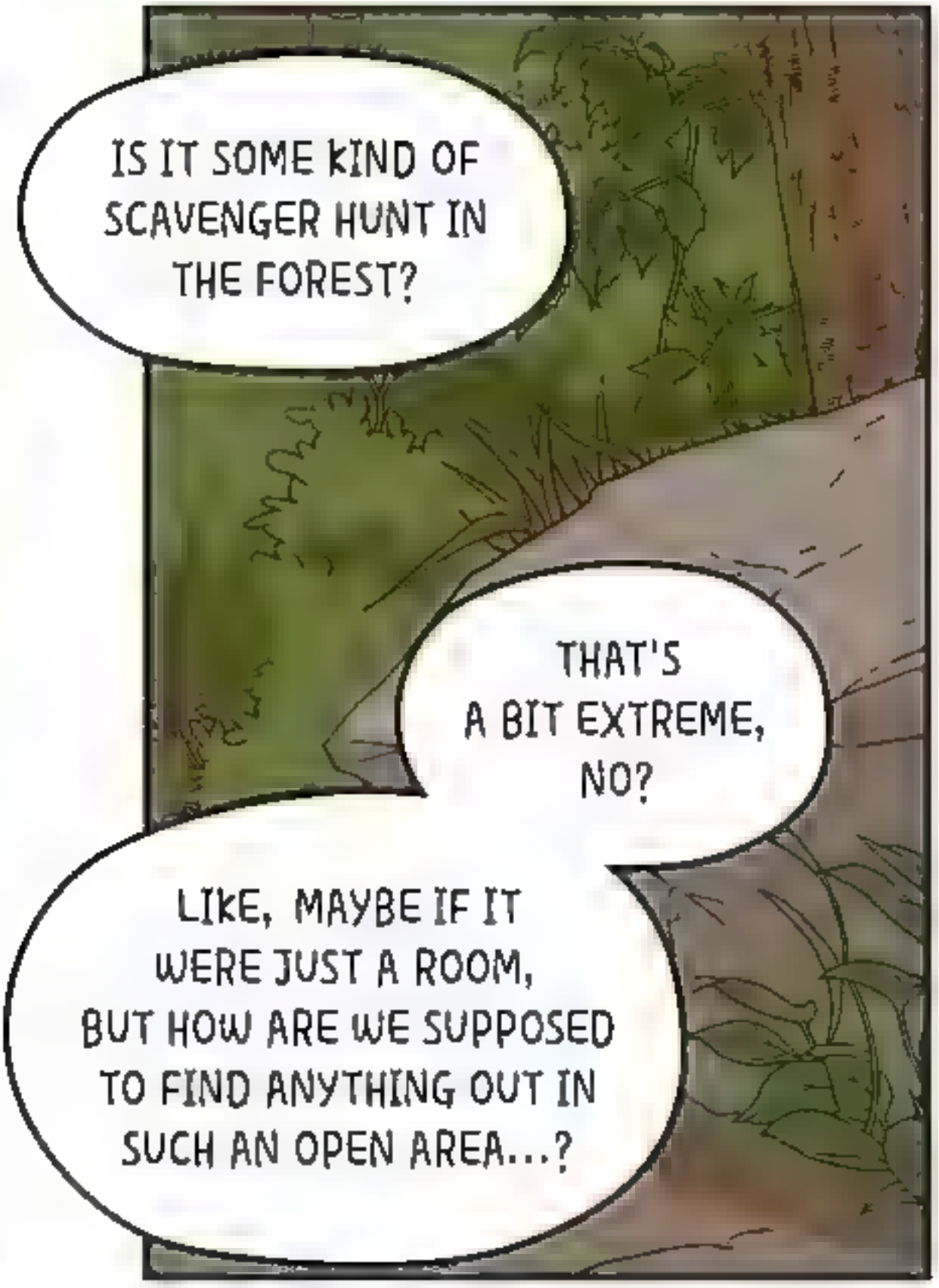

TAP

CREAK

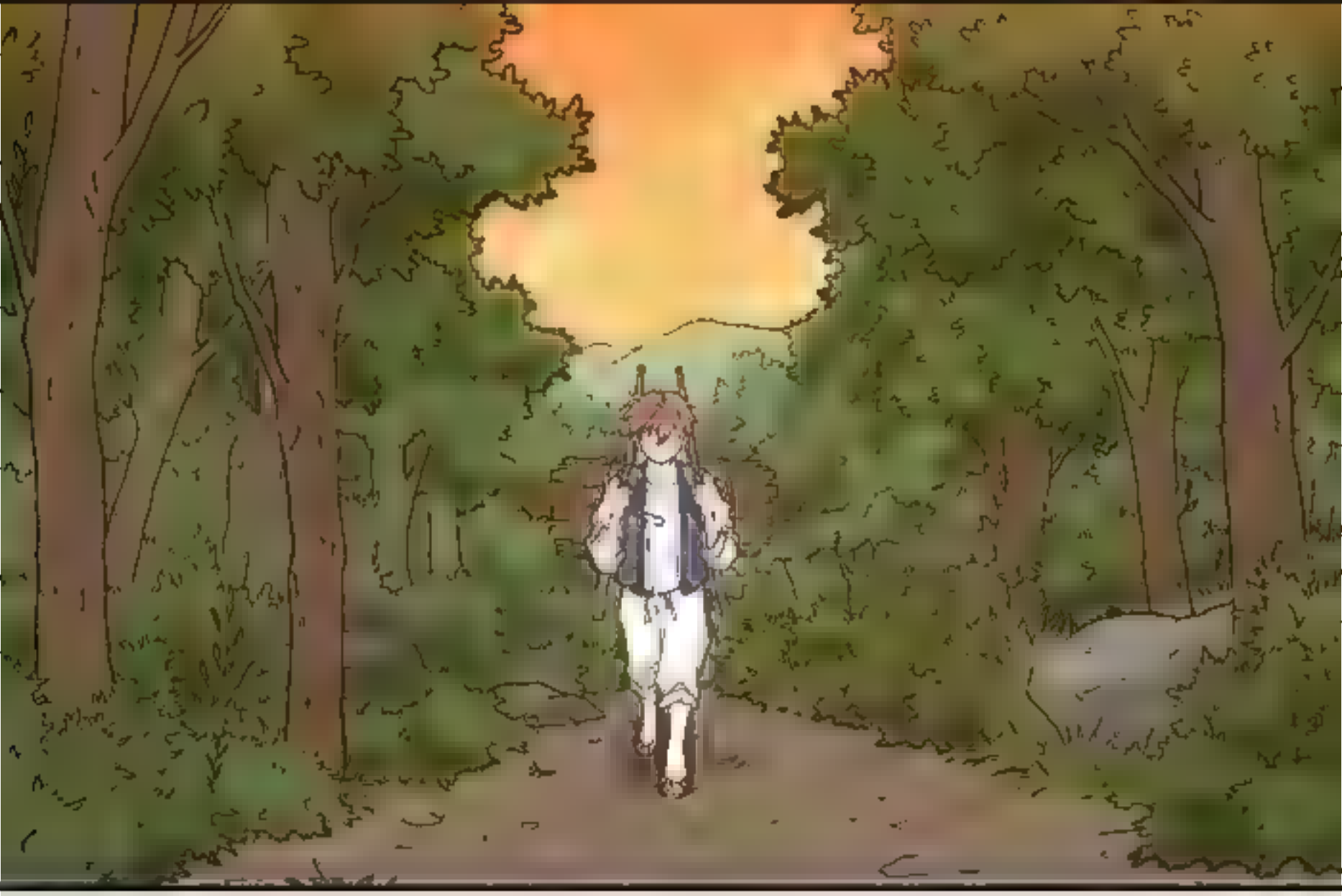
WHAT THE...
THIS ISN'T A ROOM...
CREAAK
IT'S A FOREST?

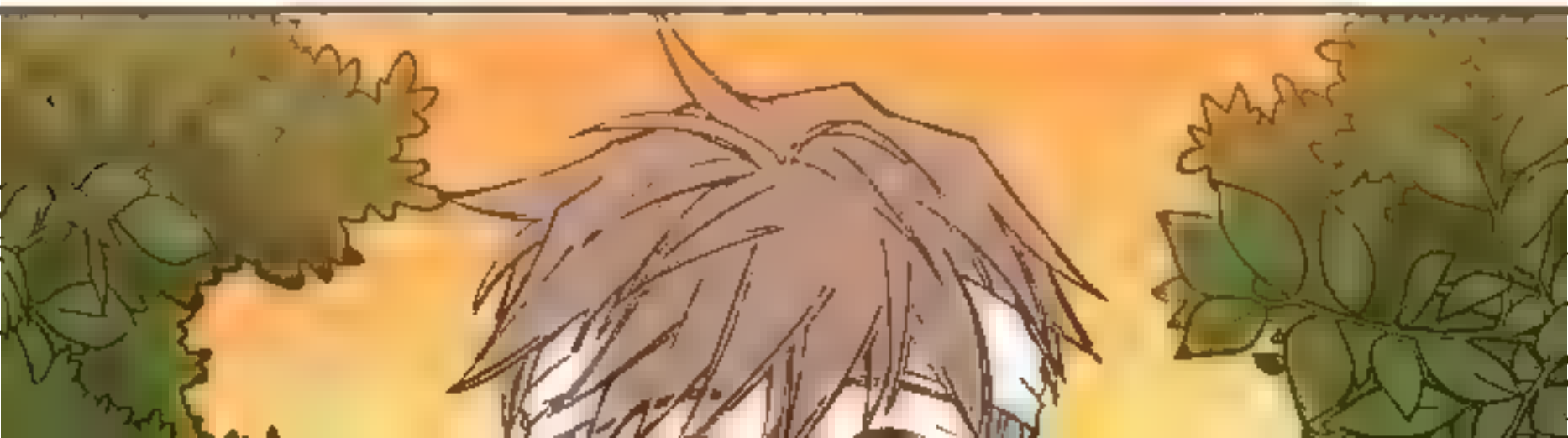

SLAM

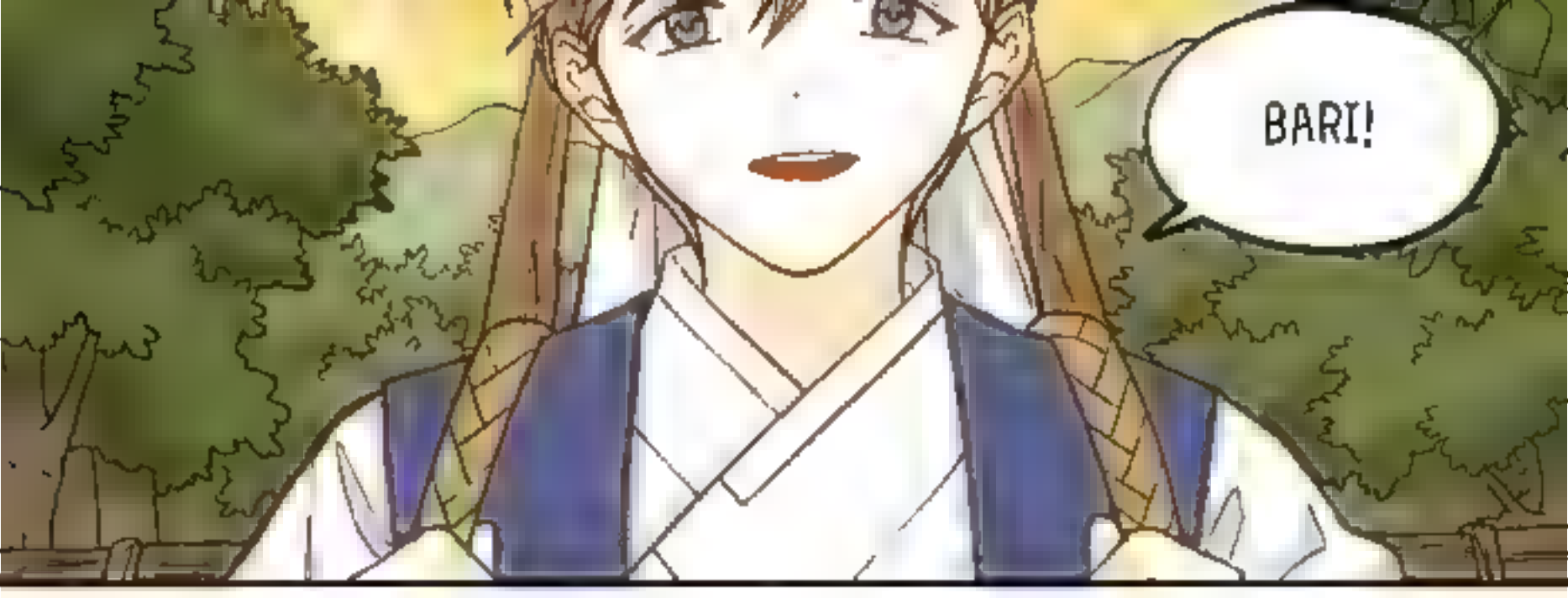
OH...
...GUESS THERE'S NO GOING OUT THE WAY WE CAME IN.


IS IT SOME KIND OF SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE FOREST?
THAT'S A BIT EXTREME, NO?
LIKE, MAYBE IF IT WERE JUST A ROOM, BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND ANYTHING OUT IN SUCH AN OPEN AREA...?

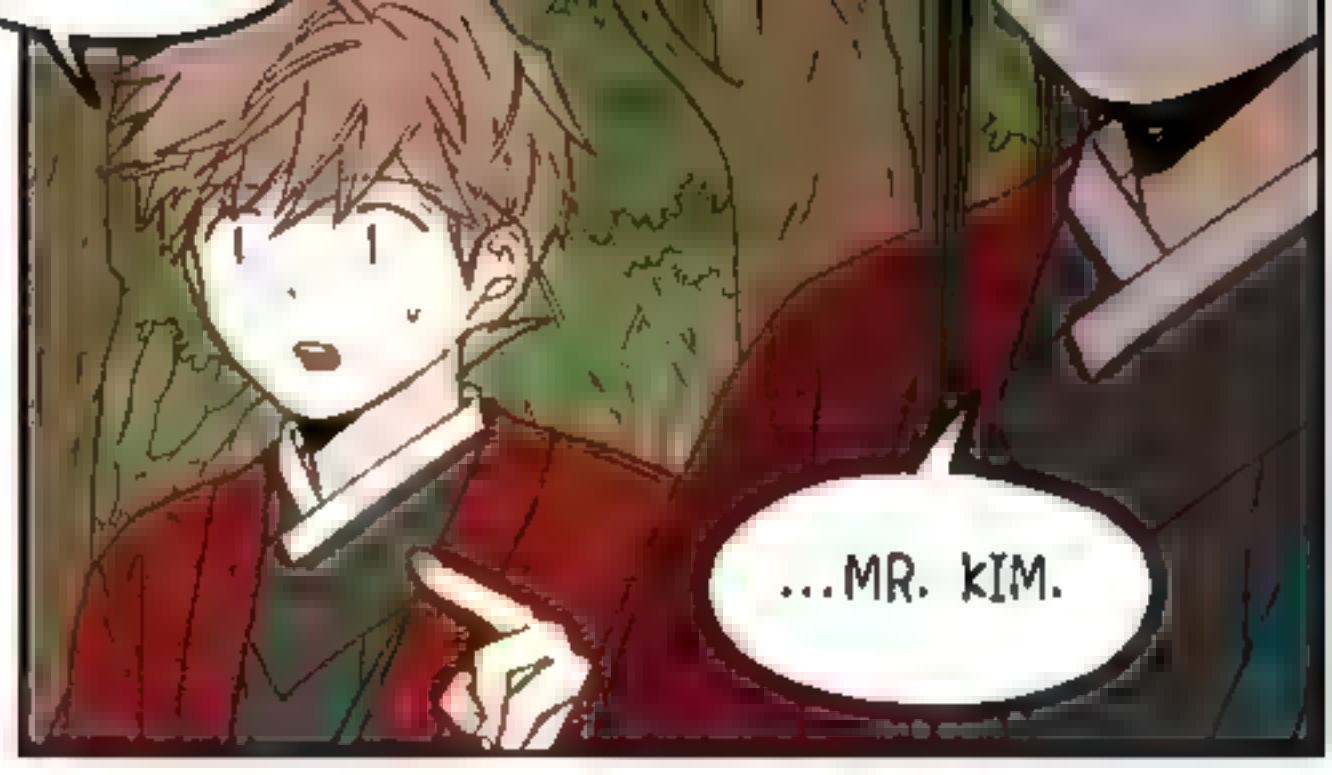
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT SO HARD?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME...?






BARI!

IS THAT-?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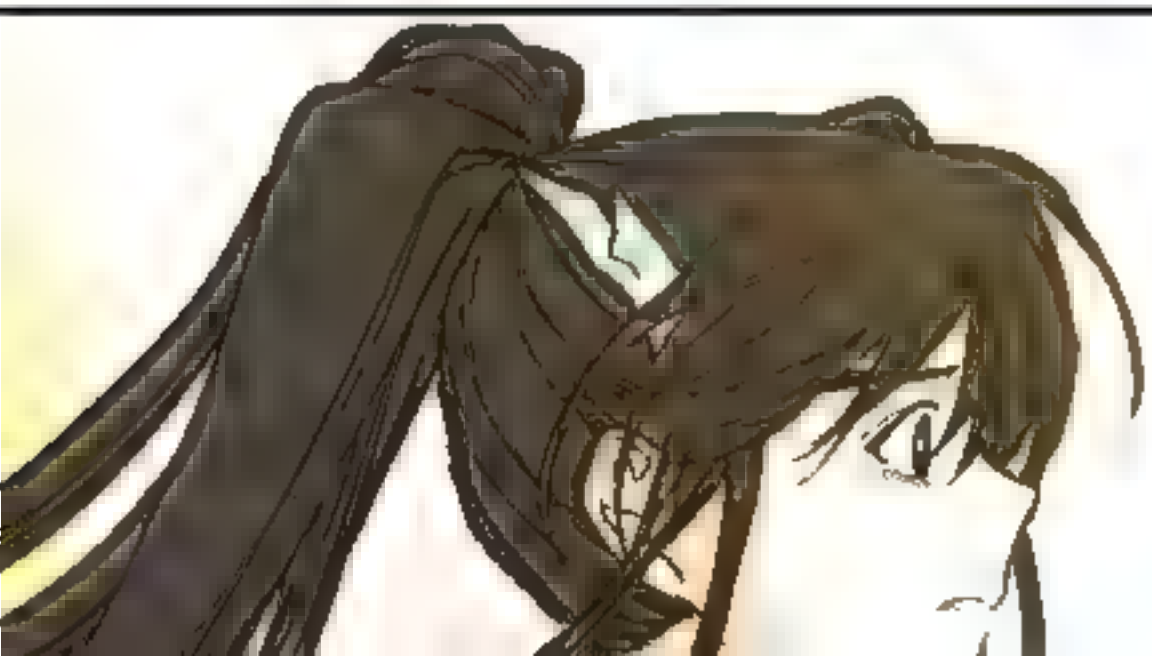

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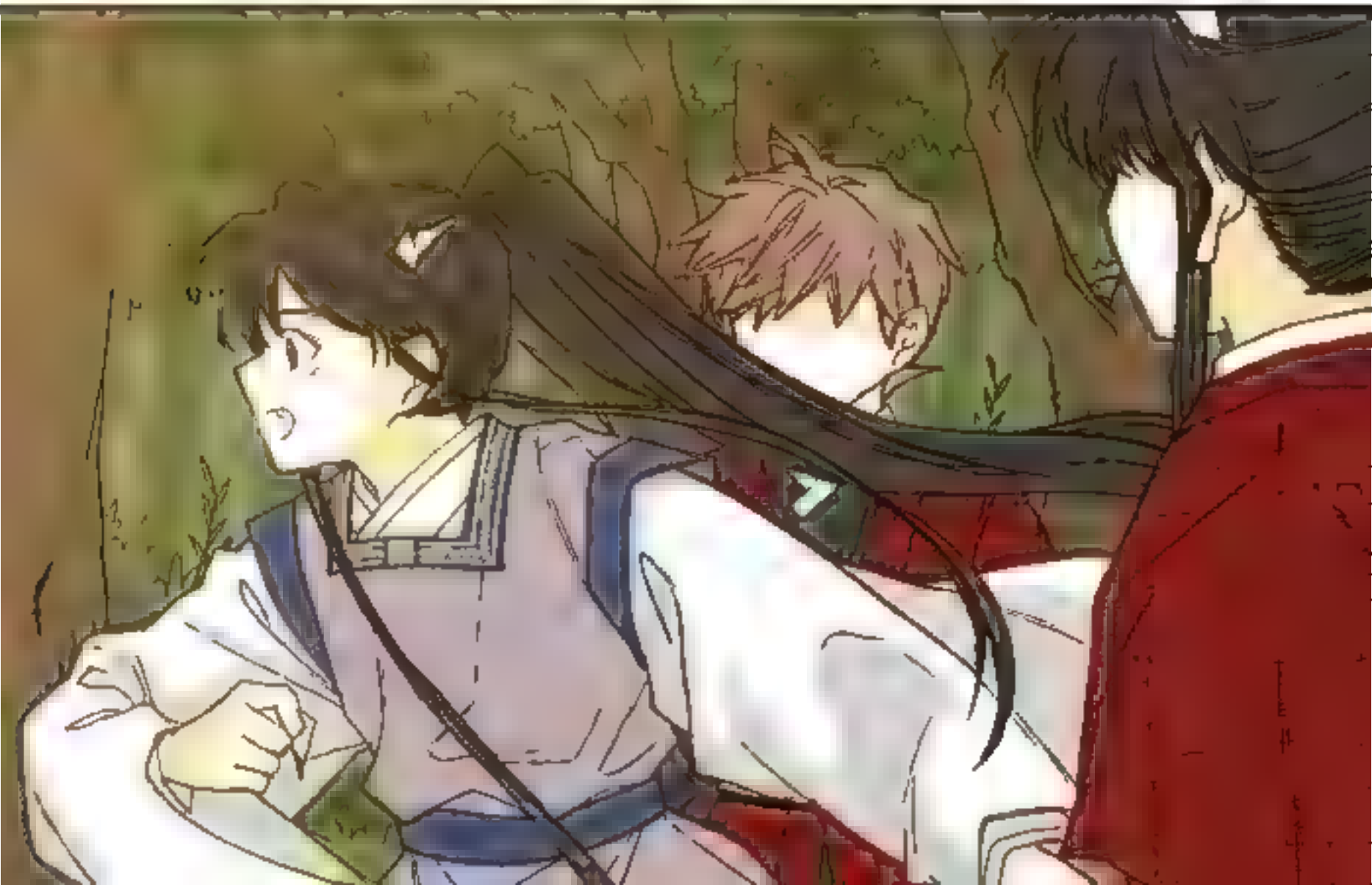


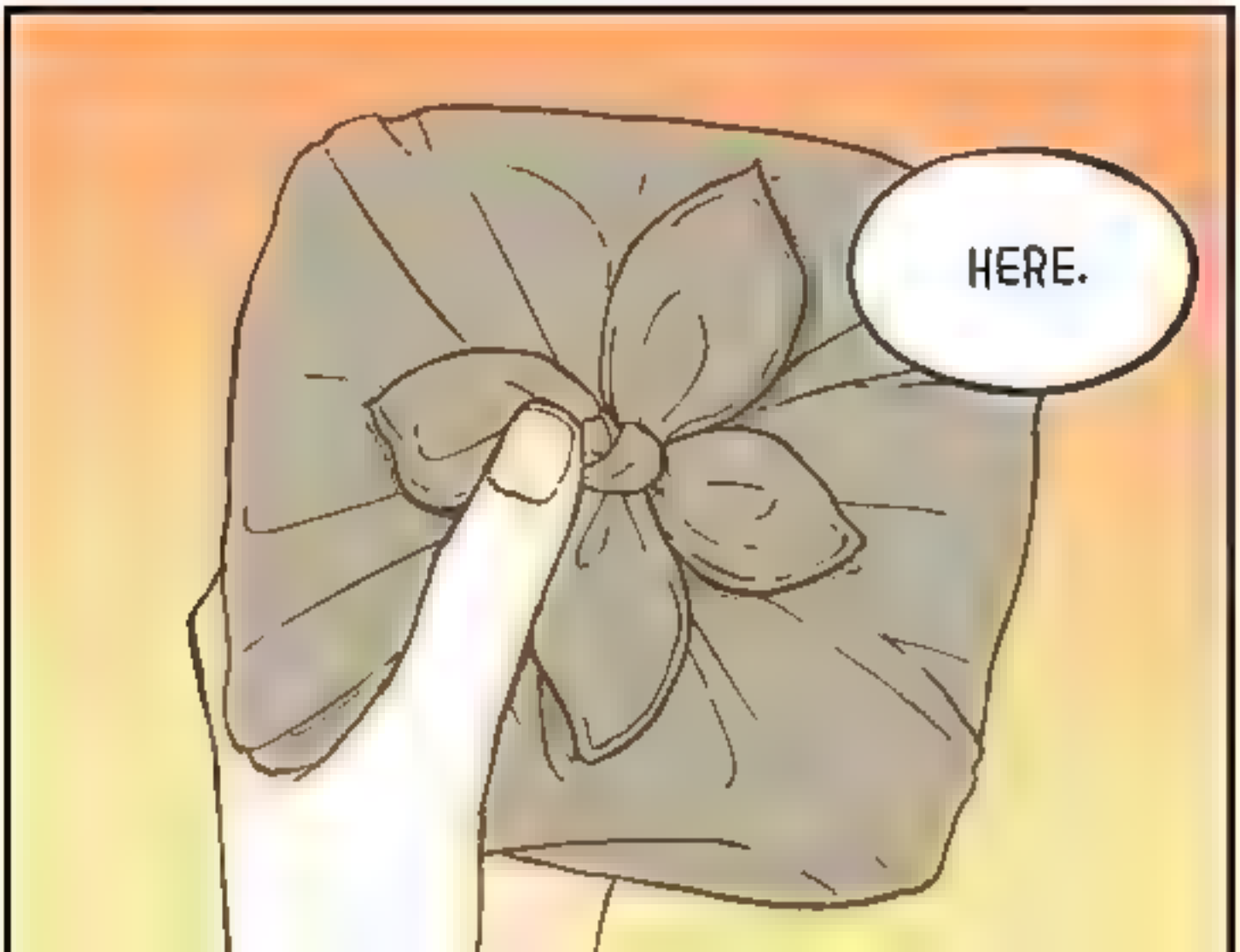
I DION'T REALIZE YOU'D COME!

YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE BUSY WITH IT BEING HARVEST SEASON.

WELL OF COURSE I CAME TO SEE YOU TODAY.

TOMORROW'S FINALLY THE DAY YOU ASCEND.
THIS... THIS ROOM...

IS JUST
A REPLICA...
...OF BARI'S
PAST?


HERE.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO EAT WELL ON THE EVE OF YOUR BIG DAY.
WOW! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO...

IS DAMSEOL NOT HERE YET?
NO... MAYBE SHE COULDN'T SNEAK OUT?
IT'S HER TEST COMING UP TOO, AFTER ALL.

...I'M ENVIOUS.
HUH?
OF WHAT?

THAT ANY OLD SNAKE CAN ASCEND AND BECOME A DRAGON IF THEY TRAIN.
FOR US HUMANS, NOT JUST ANYONE GETS TO BECOME SOMETHING GREAT.

...BUT YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN ANYONE.
YOU'RE THE MOST INTELLIGENT, GOOD-HEARTED HUMAN I KNOW.

HAHA, WELL THANKS.

THAT FEELS GOOD TO HEAR, EVEN IF YOU DON'T MEAN IT.

BUT I DO!

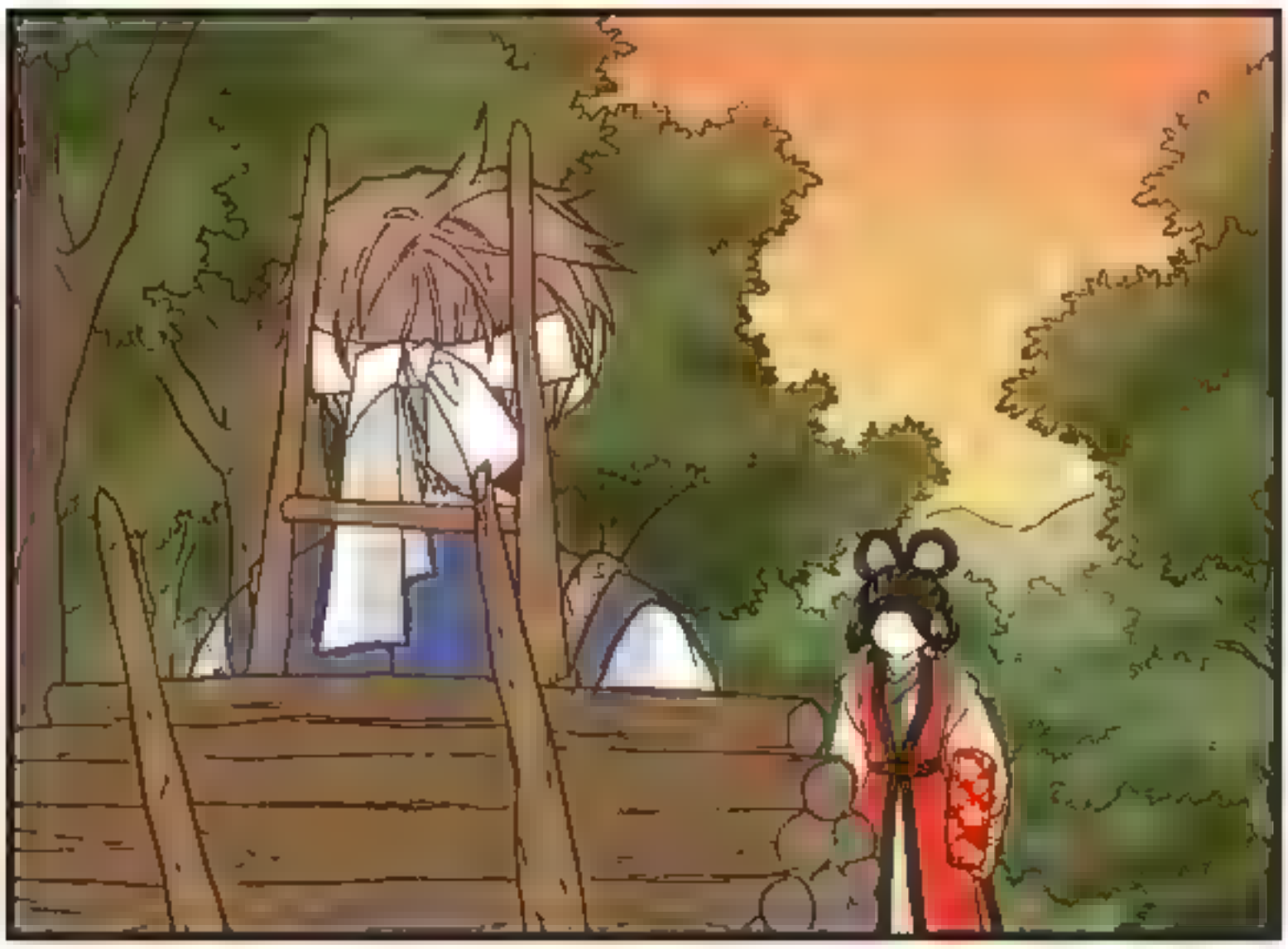
THERE'S NO HELPING ME...
...BUT I REALLY HOPE THAT THINGS GO YOUR WAY AND YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT.

...THANKS!

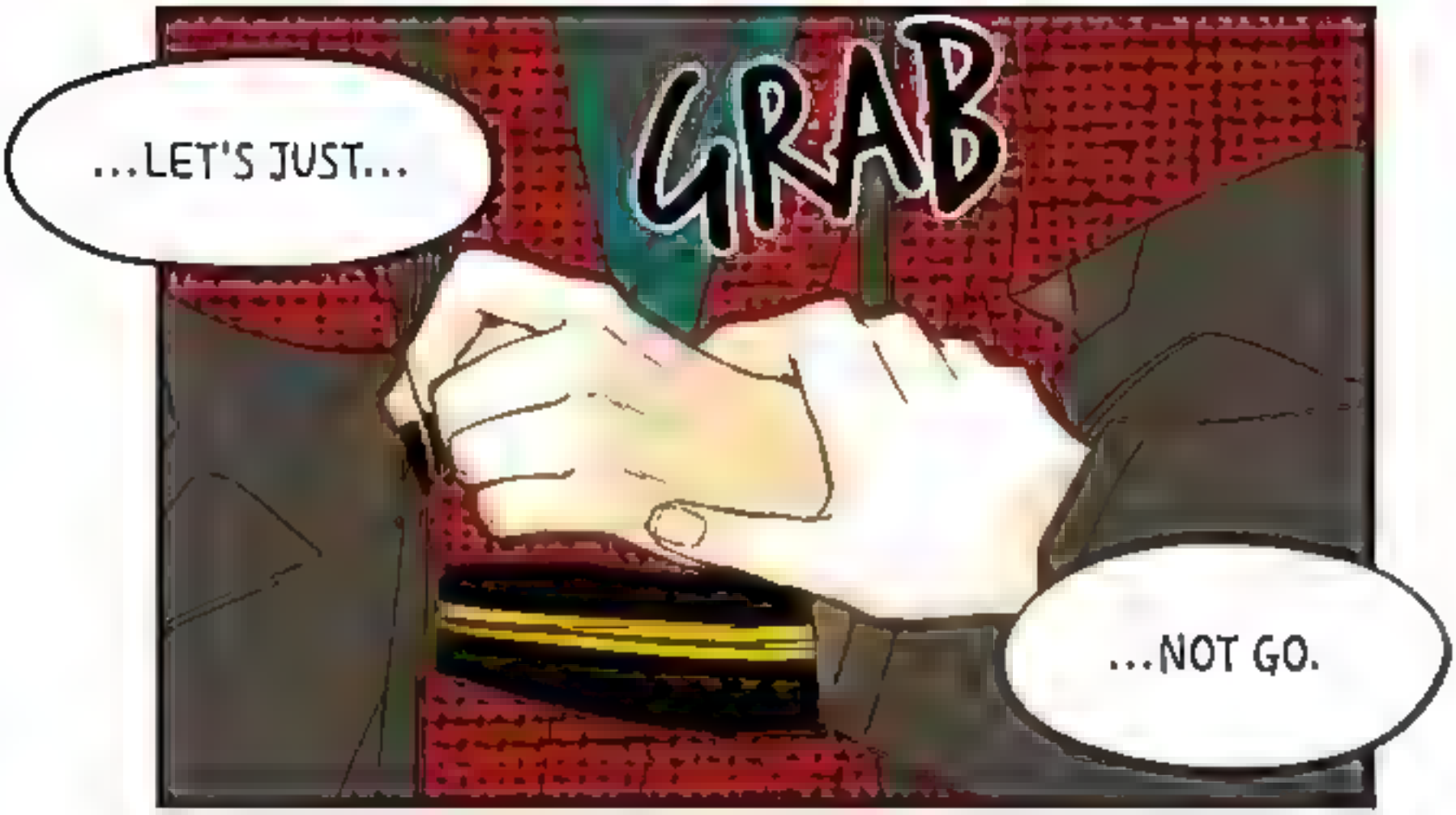
EVEN IF I END UP FAR AWAY, I'LL COME BACK OFTEN TO VISIT!

DID MR. KIM REALLY PLAN TO HOLD BARI BACK?
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THERE'S NO ILL WILL BETWEEN THEM.

HUH? BARI!
THEY'RE LEAVING!
WE SHOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW HIM, RIGHT?



IS... IS THAT DAMSEOL?
HURRY UP!
I CAN'T HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING.


...LET'S JUST...
GRAB
...NOT GO.

WHAT?
WHY?
...I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
WHAT'S THE POINT IN WATCHING IT ALL PLAY OUT AGAIN...?

BUT THEN...
WHAT ABOUT THE TEST?
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GIVE UP?

IT'S FINE.
I ALREADY...

...KNOW WHAT...
...THE ANSWER IS.